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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2005 in which all of the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-3 and 5-23, without traverse.

The claims of Group I are further subject to an election of species among the species of claims 12, 13, and 14. Applicants respectfully elect the specie of claim 12 without traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the elected claims are patentable for the reasons set forth in Applicants' last response. It is believed that the present application

is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned or Jennifer Woodside Wojtala at (248) 641-1600.

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